

FEBRUARY 2003

GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 11, 2003



On-Site Early Voting
February 6, 2003
thru March 7, 2003

Office of the City Clerk
Goodyear City Hall
190 North Litchfield Road
Goodyear, AZ
(623) 882-7830

On the Ballot:

Mayor Candidates
James M. Cavanaugh
Seth Kanter

Council Candidates
Claudia M. Anderson
Rob Antoniak
Andrea J. Jasaitis
Fred Scott
Matthew A. Short
Richard A. Sousa

Proposition 402
City seeks approval to
permanently adjust its
1979 - 80 base
expenditure limitation.

**REGISTRATION TO
VOTE IN MARCH 11
PRIMARY ELECTION
CLOSES
ON FEBRUARY 10, 2003**

GOODYEAR KICKS UP ITS HEELS DURING GOODYEAR RODEO DAYS - FEB. 21-23



Nestled in the beautiful Estrella Mountain foothills, the Estrella Mountain Regional Park rodeo grounds will be home to three days of fast-paced rodeo action at the Goodyear Rodeo Days on February 21 – 23. Top Senior Pro contestants will converge on the area to compete in roping, bulldogging, saddle and bareback bronc riding, bull riding, and barrel racing.

“Slack Day” is Friday, beginning at approximately 9 a.m. There is no charge to enjoy the arena activities on Friday with a paid Park admission.

The rodeo begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for youngsters four to 12 years of age. Children younger than four are admitted free.

Saturday’s intermission will have teams of local businesses vying for top honors in the Corporate Calf Dressing Contest.



Cowboy Church starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., local chili cooks show off their favorite recipes at the annual Chili Cooking Contest. Rodeo goers can purchase small cups of the various chili concoctions for a nominal charge.

On Sunday, young would-be cowboys and cowgirls will compete for the honor of being the first to tie a ribbon on the tail of an uncooperative calf during the intermission.

To get to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park rodeo grounds, take I-10 to Estrella Parkway and go south across the Gila River Bridge. Turn left on Vineyard and follow the signs to the Indian Springs entrance.

The rodeo’s Presenting Sponsor is La Loma Village. For more information about the rodeo, call the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce at (623) 932-2260.

Police Conducts Block Watch Seminars

If you would like to form a Block Watch group for your neighborhood by hosting a Block Watch meeting at your home, please call Sergeant Jeff Mercy of Goodyear’s Police Neighborhood Response Unit (NRU) at (623) 882-7409. Sergeant Mercy and his team are ready and willing to work with your schedule.

Goodyear’s NRU was formed to help suppress crime in neighborhoods. You may see members of the team riding police bikes in your area.



Vice Mayor Seth Kanter

You are being asked to vote in the upcoming March 11th election on Proposition 402 which calls for the expenditure base of the City of Goodyear to be permanently adjusted by \$3,241,122. Just what does this mean? I'd like to take this opportunity to help you better understand what you are being asked to vote on.

In 1980, Arizona voters approved a law restricting the spending of all Arizona cities to 1979/80 spending levels in all future years. The purpose of the law was to control expenditures and limit future increases.

When the State imposed this spending limitation, it took into account inflation and population growth by allowing cities to spend at the same per capita rate adjusted by an inflation factor. However, the problem with this formula is that it freezes the community's services at 1980 levels rather than allowing the city to spend the revenue it takes in to meet citizen demands for new or higher quality services such as those offered to our citizens today.

Let's relate this to a family rather than a city. Suppose there was a newly married

couple who lived in an apartment, had one car and one income in 1980. By 2003, they have two children and both parents work. They have a mortgage, two car payments, are paying college expenses for both children, and supporting an elderly parent. If the state expenditure limit applied to them, they would be allowed to spend *only* an amount equal to what they earned 23 years ago adjusted slightly for inflation and the growth rate of their family. They would not be allowed to spend any money they made over and above this allowable amount – no matter what their needs are.

PROP 402

Fortunately, when the State imposed this spending limitation, it provided four other voter-approved options for cities. "Home Rule" was the option that

Goodyear voters have chosen since 1989. It allows a city the authority to use the revenue it actually takes in each year. However, Home Rule must be voted on every four years.

The City formed a citizen committee in fall 2003 to determine whether the citizens wanted to continue using Home Rule or whether they wanted to choose one of the other options provided by the state – one that many other Arizona cities have already approved. This other option is called a "Permanent Base Adjustment."

The Permanent Base Adjustment option allows Goodyear to increase the base set in

1979/80 (\$883,878). The citizen committee recommended permanently adjusting Goodyear's base upwards by \$3,241,122 (in 1979/80 dollars) in order to meet the expected/desired service needs of citizens well into the future. The adjusted base would also eliminate the need for an election every four years.

Keep in mind, **this is not a tax increase.** This increased expenditure base merely allows Goodyear the ability in the coming years to spend the revenue it expects to take in.

I urge you all to vote on this important issue in the March 11th election. I also want to thank the 22 members of the Alternative Expenditure Limitation Election (AELE) committee for their hard work on this issue. The names of these dedicated residents are listed in a box below.

Sincerely,

Seth Kanter

Alternative Expenditure Limitation Election Committee

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| •Gabriel Bey -Vice Chairman | •David Lesnick |
| •Marshall Canez | •William Sean Laux |
| •Mireya Canez | •Charlotte Lowe |
| •Paul Chavarria | •Marilyn Nagy |
| •Harold Coleman | •Robert Piceno |
| •Gary Gelzer | •Carole Segatti |
| •Nick Emmanouilides | •Karen Simoens |
| •Chris Hagen-Hurley | •Jack Stiegelmeier |
| •Mike Hathorne | •Terry Trost |
| •Frank Jackson | •Don Williams |
| •Sheri Lauritano | •Ron Tibbs - Chairman |

Council Calendar

All Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility at 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

**Monday, Feb. 10
6 PM**

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 18*
7 PM

City Council Work Session

*Changed due to Monday holiday

**Monday, Feb. 24
6 PM**

City Council Meeting

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City Holiday Schedule

President's Day - Mon., Feb. 17

City offices closed.

***Contained Trash** - regular schedule

***Uncontained Trash** - No service.

Monday's route will be collected the following week.

Neighborhood Street Preservation Program

Streets in Estrella Vista, Wildflower, Arnold Manor, Historic Goodyear and Estrella Mountain Ranch are in the process of having all cracks patched in preparation of the slurry seal that will be applied later. If your streets have already been patched and you are wondering when the slurry seal is coming, the answer is within 90 days. Slurry seal will be done in all neighborhoods about the same time.

CITIZEN INPUT WANTED ON EMPLOYMENT CORRIDOR

Goodyear wants your views on a proposed 4,000-acre employment corridor that will stretch from McDowell Rd. to Southern Ave. between the Bullard Wash and Litchfield Rd. The Phoenix Goodyear Airport is included in this corridor.

Thursday, Feb. 20

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Hampton Inn Suites - Pavillion 1
2000 N. Litchfield Rd.**

For more information, call Sandy Bell at 623-882-7904.

Litchfield Rd. & I-10 Construction News

Work has begun on adding a dual left turn lane southbound on Litchfield Road to enter eastbound I-10. So far, work has been done at night without any lane restrictions. Lane restrictions should be at a minimum throughout this project which is projected to end in late June.

A retaining wall will be built under I-10 and the Litchfield Road median under I-10 will be removed to make room for the extra left turn lane.



*Goodyear City Council (L to R):
Sue Linney, Dick Sousa, Vice Mayor
Seth Kanter, Ken Porter, Jim
Cavanaugh, and Frank Cavalier.*

City Council Business

A Summary of Major Actions

January 13, 2003

■ Authorized agreement with the City of Phoenix for the continued provision of fire department dispatch services for FY2002/03 for \$31,607.

■ Awarded a contract for \$499,352 to Southwest Slurry Seal, Inc. for the construction of the Neighborhood Streets Preservation 2003 Project.

■ Awarded contract for \$73,596 to Contractors West, Inc. for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Indian School Road and 144th Avenue.

January 27, 2003

■ Awarded contract to Pierson Construction Corporation for \$116,040 for the construction of a storm drainage system to alleviate localized street flooding on Cactus Flower Drive, west of Estrella Parkway.

■ Approved a Special Use Permit for development of a church campus on 10 acres north of the northeast corner of Sarival Avenue and Van Buren Street.

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at www.ci.goodyear.az.us or call the City's 24-hour hotline 623-932-1716 for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resources Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7755, TCC 623-932-6400. EEO M/F/H/D.



Let's talk parking!

Did you know that parking a licensed vehicle on the street in the City of Goodyear is **not** a city code violation? However, many of our subdivisions have Covenants, Codes & Restrictions (CC&R's) that do prohibit on-street parking. These codes and restrictions are enforced *only* by the Homeowner's Association.

While the City may not enforce the "no parking on the street" rule, it *does* enforce "the direction the car is parked." When you park your car on the street, it must be in the direction of traffic with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within eighteen inches of the right-hand curb. The City also enforces "no parking on the sidewalk" and "no parking on vacant lots."

Goodyear Develops Water Audit to Help City Water Customers Conserve Water

Goodyear has developed new and expanded Water Audit procedures for its City of Goodyear water customers to help them determine ways to conserve water. The new program is completely voluntary and consists of three distinct components:



1. Internal Audit – conducted by the resident.

This first component involves the customer completing daily worksheets documenting water usage at the residence for a 24- to 72-hour time period.

2. **Electronic Audit** – conducted by City in conjunction with the internal audit. This second component is the installation of a Meter Audit Data Collection box on the customer's meter. The collection boxes can be attached to a meter for a 24- to 72-hour period and will assist staff in determining when and how much water use occurs.

3. **External Audit** – conducted by City staff. The third part involves a Water Division field representative meeting with the customer at the residence and completing an audit of all water related areas at the residence, including inspection of the meter box, landscaping and inside plumbing.

Once the three steps are completed, the Water Division studies the data, develops a report and suggests areas where water conservation measures can assist the resident with reducing water usage. If you are interested in having a water audit completed on your residence, please contact the Public Works Department at 623-932-1637. There is a nominal \$45 fee for the service to cover administrative costs.

NOTICE - Change of location for EMR/City of Goodyear Feb. 6th meeting. Instead of City Hall, meeting will be at Estrella Mountain Church, 10485 S. Estrella Parkway.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, Citizen's CitySource Office, 190 N. Litchfield Road, P.O. Box 5100 Goodyear, AZ 85338, or E-mail to Ldillard@ci.goodyear.az.us.

Comments (please print): _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____



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Vibrant future!**

City Telephone Numbers

24-Hour City Hotline	623-932-1716
Building Safety	623-932-3004
City Clerk	623-882-7830
City Court	623-932-3013
City Hall	623-932-3910
City Manager	623-882-7051
CitySource Office	623-882-7808
Code Compliance	623-882-7815
Community Advocate	623-882-7800
Crisis Service Line	623-882-7677
Dead Animal Removal	602-561-5704
Engineering	623-882-7979
Garbage/Trash/Recycling	623-932-1637
Economic Development	623-932-3025
Fire Department	623-932-2300
Mayor & City Council	623-882-7776
Neighborhood Programs	623-882-7808
Parks/Pool/Recreation	623-932-1637
Planning & Zoning	623-932-3005
Police Department	623-932-1220
Streets/Transportation	623-932-1637
Utility Hook-Up/	
Bill Payment	623-932-3015
Water Quality/Pressure	623-932-1637

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